



# VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

September 13, 2013

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from September 06, 2013 – September 12, 2013. Readers are reminded that an “arrest” is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court’s website.

(VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS is not meant to be a listing of every incident or call handled by the Vienna Police, but merely a more substantive summary of several incidents, which may be of interest to the community. Some reports may be outside the date parameters due to extended investigations or other circumstances. Some cases are not included at all due to ongoing investigations. Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information at [glose@viennava.gov](mailto:glose@viennava.gov))

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## INCIDENTS

### **Vandalism 13-09047**

**300 Block Mill Street, NE**

**Between July 07 at 7:00 p.m. and September 06 at 6:00 a.m.**

An employee reported that an unknown individual had been defecating near the dumpsters located to the rear of the businesses.

The employee requested extra patrols be performed in an attempt to identify the perpetrator.

### **Missing Adult 13-08995**

**400 Block West Street, SW**

**Between August 29 at 9:00 a.m. and September 05 at 9:13 p.m.**

A resident reported that she had not heard from her adult daughter in several days. The resident stated this is not the first time her daughter has not had contact with her for several days.

This case is being investigated.

**Animal Case 13-09006**

**1100 Block Drake Street, SW**

**September 01 5:00 p.m.**

A resident stated that his neighbor was walking his dog on an extendable leash. As the resident rode by on his bicycle the dog ran in front of him causing him to be thrown to the ground.

ACO Barker contacted the owner of the dog and informed him that the dog needed to be under control even while being walked on a leash.

**Fraud 13-09143**

**Trinity Med Spa**

**226 Maple Avenue, West**

**Between September 05 at 12:00 a.m. and September 08 at 12:00 a.m.**

A customer reported that while reviewing her credit card statement she discovered two charges had been made to her account without her knowledge.

This case is being investigated.

**Animal Case 13-09007**

**100 Block Ayr Hill Avenue, NW**

**September 05 12:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that her neighbor had been feeding birds and the birds had been defecating on her house as they flew over.

ACO Barker responded and did not find any violations of law.

**Fraud 13-09174**

**500 Block Walker Street, SW**

**September 06 12:00 a.m.**

A resident reported that while she was reviewing her credit card statement she discovered a charge had been made to her account without her knowledge.

This case is being investigated.

**Suspicious Event 13-09228**

**Town of Vienna**

**Town Hall**

**127 Center Street, South**

**Between September 06 at 12:01 a.m. and September 9 at 11:59 p.m.**

An employee reported that while reviewing financial transactions for a Town of Vienna account she discovered several online transactions that had been attempted against the account.

The banks were contacted and the employee was assured that the town had not incurred any financial loss due to the activity.

**Animal Case 13-09018****1200 Block Ware Street, SW****September 06 6:58 p.m.**

A resident reported that her neighbor's dogs had been outside, barking for several hours.

Officer Tracy responded at which time the dogs were no longer outside and his attempts to contact the homeowner were unsuccessful.

ACO Barker will follow up with this case.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated 13-09029****Maple Avenue at Courthouse Road, SW****September 07 12:13 a.m.**

Sgt. Juelharte conducted a traffic stop. Upon her interaction with the driver she detected the signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete several field sobriety tests she arrested Mr. Erik William Saunders, 41, of Hickman Terrace in Alexandria, Virginia for Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Saunders was transported to the Vienna Police Station for an analysis of his breath. After the analysis he was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Saunders was to be held until he was sober.

**Arrest – Drunk In Public 13-09052****Marshall Road at Rachel Lane, SW****September 07 1:00 p.m.**

A citizen reported that a suspicious person had been asleep in a mulch bed, under a tree.

MPO Shaw responded and located the individual. After awaking him MPO Shaw determined he was intoxicated and arrested Mr. Victor Lopez Guillen, 36, No Fixed Address for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Guillen was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he was sober.

**Missing Juvenile 13-09060****Glyndon Street, SE****September 07 10:24 p.m.**

A resident reported that his wife and daughter had been involved in an argument and the daughter ran out of the house and had not been seen for approximately thirty minutes.

PFC Myers responded and while taking the police report the father received a telephone call informing him that his daughter was at a friend's house and was safe.

**Arrest – Driving While Intoxicated/Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test 13-09080**

**100 Block Kingsley Road, SW**

**September 08 2:00 a.m.**

MPO Sheeran conducted a traffic stop. Upon his initial interaction with the driver he observed open beer containers and detected signs that the driver may have been impaired. After failing to complete several field sobriety tests MPO Sheeran arrested Mr. Ismael Argueta Ramos, 40, of Patrick Street in Vienna for Driving While Intoxicated.

Mr. Ramos was transported to the Vienna Police Station for an analysis of his breath. Upon his arrival at the police station Mr. Ramos refused to submit to the analysis.

Mr. Ramos was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Refusal to Submit to a Breath Test and Drinking While Operating a Motor Vehicle.

Mr. Ramos was to be held until he was sober.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 13-09107**

**200 Block Prescott Circle, SE**

**September 08 10:00 p.m.**

A resident reported that she had found a deceased raccoon in her back yard. The resident stated her dogs had been in the backyard yet she was unsure if they had been in contact with the raccoon.

ACO Barker responded and informed the resident he would transport the raccoon to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter to be tested for Rabies. He also informed the resident that she would need to quarantine her dogs until the results of the test had been completed. She agreed to confine the dogs at home.

ACO Barker will follow up with this case

**Domestic Assault 13-09100**

**200 Block Cedar Lane, SE**

**September 08 11:59 p.m.**

A resident reported she and her husband had been embroiled in a heated argument that turned physical.

MPO Sheeran responded and after speaking with the wife he determined that there were no signs of a physical assault.

The husband had left the home prior to the arrival of the police officers.

MPO Sheeran advised the wife of the process to obtain a warrant however she did not wish to pursue charges.

**Petit Larceny 13-09117**

**200 Block Nutley Street, NW**

**September 09 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:35 p.m.**

A resident reported that the year stickers had been taken from the license plates on her vehicle.

**Animal Case – Quarantine 13-09112**

**The Hope Center**

**140 Park Street, SE**

**September 09 9:15 a.m.**

An employee reported she had been bit while attempting to perform a medical procedure on a dog.

ACO Barker determined the dog and its' owner resided in Alexandria, Virginia.

ACO Barker contacted Fairfax Animal Control who agreed to follow up on this case after the quarantine period.

**Open Door 13-09114**

**300 Block Holmes Drive, NW**

**September 09 12:59 p.m.**

A resident reported that he suspected someone had been squatting in an abandoned home in the neighborhood.

PFC Vazquez responded and located an open door. After searching the residence he discovered there were no signs that anyone had been in the residence.

PFC Vazquez was able to secure the doors and windows prior to leaving.

**Larceny 13-09208**

**100 Block Locust Street, SW**

**Between September 09 at 4:00 p.m. and September 11 at 4:55 p.m.**

A resident reported that someone had taken an air conditioning unit from his residence that is currently under construction.

This case is being investigated.

**Arrest - Domestic Assault/Drunk in Public 13-09130**

**Colin Lane, NW**

**September 09 11:28 p.m.**

A resident reported that he and his grandson had been involved in a heated argument that escalated when the grandson struck the grandfather.

The grandson left the residence prior to the arrival of police officers however he was located a short distance from the residence.

Officer Tremont responded and after speaking with the grandson he determined he was also intoxicated. The grandson was arrested for Domestic Assault and Drunk in Public.

He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was held on a \$2,500.00 bond.

**Arrest - Drunk in Public 13-09136**

**500 Block Maple Avenue, West**

**September 10 2:19 a.m.**

Officer Digan was on patrol when he observed an individual staggering while walking on the sidewalk north bound on Nutley Street, SW.

Officer Digan approached the individual and during his interaction he determined he was intoxicated. Officer Digan arrested Mr. Matthew C. Houk, 23, of Blair Road, NW in Vienna for Drunk in Public.

Mr. Houk was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was to be held until he was sober.

**Fraud 13-09197**

**Gourmet Pies**

**507 Maple Avenue, West**

**Between September 10 at 4:00 p.m. and September 11 at 8:27 a.m.**

An employee reported she had received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as an employee of Dominion Power.

The caller informed the employee that her business' utility bill was overdue and unless she provided payment the utility would be disconnected. She was informed to purchase prepaid debit cards and then call the individual back with the validation numbers for the cards.

The employee contacted Dominion Power who informed her that her utility bill had not been overdue and that she had been the victim of a scam.

This case is being investigated.

**Note to Citizens** – *Recently there have been reports of callers claiming to be employees of utility companies. The callers claim the resident is delinquent on their utility bill and unless payment is made the utility will be disconnected. The payment is usually requested in the form of a prepaid debit card. **This type of call is a scam. Never send a payment unless you have verified the validity of the caller.***

**Animal Case – Quarantine 13-09230**

**100 Block Maple Avenue, East**

**September 10 5:30 p.m.**

A citizen reported that as he was walking past a business he was bit by a dog. He stated he recognized the dog owner as being an employee of the one of the businesses on Maple Avenue.

ACO Barker responded and identified the owner of the dog. The dog owner stated his dog had not bit the citizen but that the citizen fell from his bike and the dog barked at him.

ACO Barker informed both the dog owner and the citizen that since a report had been made of an animal bite the dog would need to be quarantined.

ACO Barker will follow up with this case.

**Vandalism 13-09187**

**Chipolte**

**213 Maple Avenue, East**

**September 10 11:44 p.m.**

An employee reported that as he was closing up for the evening he observed a female writing on the front door.

MPO Shaver responded and located the female sitting at a table in front of the restaurant. The female stated she was a writer and had come up with a thought and needed somewhere to write it down.

The restaurant employee did not wish to pursue charges however he did want the female to be trespassed from the business and informed she was not permitted to return.

**Police Service 13-09202**

**500 Block Stephen Circle, SW**

**September 11 11:51 a.m.**

A resident reported that he had become concerned when his elderly wife had not returned from lunch at an area restaurant.

Officer Kiley responded and was able to determine that the wife was safe in Prince William County.

Police Officers from the Prince William County Police Department agreed to stay with the women until her husband was able to pick her up.

**Suspicious Event 13-09222**

**Shell Gas Station**

**547 Maple Avenue, West**

**September 12 7:04 a.m.**

An employee reported that a family had been coming into the business and repeatedly treats the employees badly. The employee requested that the family be trespassed from the business.

Officer Kiley informed the employee to telephone the police if the family returns and an officer would be dispatched to inform them they are no longer permitted at the business.



## **CRASHES**

**800 Block Follin Lane, SE 13-09017**

**September 06 6:51 p.m.**

The owner of a legally parked vehicle reported that an unknown vehicle had struck her vehicle.

**Park Street at Maple Avenue, East 13-09120**

**September 09 4:51 p.m.**

The driver of the first vehicle was traveling north bound on Park Street, SE approaching the intersection with Maple Avenue. The driver of the first vehicle was in the proper travel lane to proceed straight through the intersection.

The driver of the second vehicle was also traveling north bound on Park Street, SE approaching Maple Avenue. The driver of the second vehicle was in the turn lane and attempted to proceed straight through the intersection and collided with the first vehicle.

## **MEDIA RELEASES**

None.

## **CASE UPDATES**

None.

## **OF INTEREST/ CITIZEN NOTES**

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**Note to Citizens:** *Please remove all valuables from an unattended vehicle and most importantly, lock the vehicle doors.*

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**Citizens are reminded to PLEASE call and report suspicious activity. Even if you choose not to provide your name or other personal information, we still need your help as extra eyes and ears in the community.**

**See or Hear Something? Say Something!**  
**We *WANT* to be Bothered! Call 9-1-1.**

Please contact MPO Gary Lose for further information on any of these cases at  
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